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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF EDUCATION EXPERTS

MEETING TO BE HELD MARCH 9 TO 12, 1976 IN GENEVA TO PLAN

FOR 1977 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION

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1. INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF EDUCATION (IBE) WILL HOLD MEETING OF EXPERTS MARCH 9-12 IN GENEVA TO INITIATE SPECIFIC PLANS FOR THE 1977 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION (ICE).

2. THE THEME OF THE ICE, AS ADOPTED BY THE UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE, WILL BE "THE PROBLEM OF INFORMATION AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS WHICH IS POSED BY THE IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS". THIS STATEMENT WAS CLARIFIED AT THE IBE COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 6-9, 1976 IN GENEVA TO MEAN - IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND FLOW OF INFORMATION AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS TO ASSIST EDUCATION AUTHORITIES IN FINDING SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS WHICH WILL
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CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR SYSTEMS OF EDUCA-

TION.

3. PURPOSES OF THE MARCH MEETING OF EXPERTS ARE TO PLAN THE SCOPE AND AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE, TO DEVELOP PRELIMINARY QUESTIONNAIRES TO BE SENT TO MEMBER STATES, AND TO PREPARE FRAMEWORK FOR PRE-, DURING AND POST-CONFERENCE REPORTING AND DOCUMENTATION.

4. IBE IS INVITING EXPERTS FROM SENEGAL AND MALAYSIA (BASED IN PARIS), HUNGARY, ALGERIA, FRANCE AND US.

5. AS STATED IN REFTEL, AT IBE COUNCIL MEETING, IBE DIRECTOR FERNIG INFORMED TINSMAN THAT DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS, IBE PLANNED TO USE DR. HAVELOCK (NOW IN RESIDENCE AT IBE) AS US CONSULTANT AT EXPERTS MEETING.

6. IBE HAS NOW INFORMED USDEL THAT HAVELOCK WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND AND HAS REQUESTED THE ATTENDANCE OF A US EXPERT. IBE SAYS IT CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY TRANS-ATLANTIC TRAVEL COST BUT WOULD PAY TRAVEL TO GENEVA FROM EUROPEAN CONTINENT DEPARTURE POINT AND PER DIEM.

7. USDEL FEELS THAT IT IS IN USG BEST INTEREST TO SEND EXPERT TO MARCH MEETING TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IBE AND INFLUENCE DECISIONS FOR THIS IMPORTANT BIENNIAL ICE. US IS MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO IBE'S DOCUMENTATION AND DISSEMINATION SYSTEMS. FERNIG HAS RELIED HEAVILY ON US CONTRIBUTION, PARTICULARLY THE ERIC SYSTEM, AND OPENLY THANKED AND PRAISED US FOR ITS COOPERATION AND GENEROSITY AT IBE COUNCIL MEETING. THE ICE IS IMPORTANT TO AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY AND IN PARTICULAR TO USOE AND NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION (NIE).

8. USDEL RECOMMENDS THAT THOMAS CLEMENS, CHIEF OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS DIVISION, NIE, OR OTHER WELL-QUALIFIED EXPERT IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION DISSEMINATION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS BE DESIGNATED TO ATTEND IBE EXPERTS MEETING. IF POSSIBLE, US EXPERT SHOULD STOP IN PARIS FOR BRIEFING BY USDEL
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AND PROCEED TO GENEVA AT IBE EXPENSE. COST TO USG WOULD THEREBY BE KEPT TO MINIMUM.

9. USDEL REQUESTS REPLY SOONEST TO INFORM IBE.
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